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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON CYPRUS

1. ALTHOUGH PRESS NOW CARRYING REPORTS THAT GREECE AND CYPRUS HAVE REQUESTED EARLY SC MEETING ON TURKISH DECLARATION OF AUTONOMOUS CYPRIOT STATE, USUN REPORTS THAT NEITHER GREEK NOR CYPRIOT MISSIONS HAVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO FORMALLY REQUEST MEETING. USUN BELIEVES THAT ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS THAT NO MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE TOMORROW AND MAY BE DELAYED EVEN FURTHER. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE STILL HAVE OPTION OF TRYING TO GET GREEK AND CYPRIOT GOVERNMENTS TO REFRAIN FROM CALLING A MEETING, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY FEEL TOO COMMITTED AT THIS POINT TO REVERSE COURSE. NEVERTHELESS, EVEN IF FOR TACTICAL REASONS, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ADVISING BITSIOS NOT TO CALL SC MEETING AT THIS STAGE LEST PUBLIC STANDS THE PARTIES WOULD HAVE TO TAKE IN SUCH A MEETING MIGHT SERIOUSLY INTERFERE WITH NEGOTIATIONS.

2. EVEN IF COUNCIL CALLED INTO SESSION TOMORROW BY CHINESE PRESIDENT, IT UNLIKELY THAT COUNCIL WOULD DO ANY MORE THAN HEAR STATEMENTS FROM PARTIES AND ADJOURN UNLESS
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THERE IS MAJOR OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE. USUN BELIEVES THAT

AFTER PARTIES HEARD, IT CONCEIVABLE THAT SC PRESIDENT WILL
THEN BEGIN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, WITH CHINESE

IN CHAIR ONE CAN'T BE SURE. THEY DON'T PARTICIPATE IN
CYPRUS DISCUSSIONS IN SC AND WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW
WHATEVER LEAD NON-ALIGNEDS TAKE, LEANING TOWARDS VIEWS
OF CYPRUS AND ITS HYPERACTIVE AMBASSADOR. U.S. AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL MIGHT NOT BE CALLED UPON TO SPEAK
BEFORE EARLY NEXT WEEK. INGERSOLL

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